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SUBJ: U.S.-E.C. RELATIONS

1. AFTER MY SEPTEMBER 17 CONVERSATION WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER (REPORTED SEPTELS) THORN SUGGESTED THAT I SPEAK BRIEFLY TO MFA SECRETARY-GENERAL PIERRE WURTH, WHO WOULD BE ATTENDING THE E.C. POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING WITH DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN IN NEW YORK STARTING AROUND SEPTEMBER 25. WURTH CONFIRMED THAT HE AND THE OTHER E.C. POLITICAL DIRECTORS WILL BE IN NEW YORK FOR CONSULTATION WITH ANDERSEN AFTER THE DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER'S CALL ON THE SECRETARY.

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2. WURTH ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT ALL THE E.C. FOREIGN

MINISTERS WERE NOT LIKELY BE PRESENT IN NEW YORK AT THAT MOMENT. FOREIGN MINISTER THORN, FOR EXAMPLE, IS STILL PLANNING TO ARRIVE ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 1. WURTH SAID THAT AFTER ANDERSEN'S MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY, THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS HOPE THAT THE U.S. WILL AUTHORIZE THEM TO MEET WITH RESPONSIBLE U.S. OFFICIALS FOR "APPROXIMATELY A WEEK OR TEN DAYS" TO DISCUSS U.S. AND E.C. DRAFT DOCUMENTS. IN THIS CONTEXT WURTH CONFIRMED THAT THE E.C. FOREIGN MINISTERS BELIEVE THAT SEPARATE DOCUMENTS, ONE FOR MEETINGS WITH THE E.C. AND ONE FOR MEETINGS WITH NATO, SHOULD EMERGE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT THIS FALL. WURTH ADDED THAT THE FRENCH WILL NEVER AGREE TO A SINGLE DOCUMENT FOR THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT, AND THE OTHER E.C. COUNTRIES WILL NOT PUSH PARIS ON THIS.

3. IN COMMENTING ON THE GENERAL FRAMEWORK OF U.S.-E.C. RELATIONS, WURTH SAID THAT THE U.S. SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT THE E.C. IS INTENT UPON BUILDING POLITICAL SOLIDARITY WITHIN THE NINE. HE STRESSED THAT THIS MOVE IS NOT DIRECTED AGAINST THE U.S. EVEN THOUGH AT TIMES IT MAY CAUSE DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE E.C. AND THE U.S. TO OCCUR. WURTH COMMENTED THAT THERE IS REAL HOPE WITHIN THE E.C. THAT THE EUROPEAN UNION WILL BE A REALITY BY 1980. IN THE MEANTIME, WURTH EXPLAINED, BILATERAL CONTACT BETWEEN U.S. AND INDIVIDUAL E.C. COUNTRIES IS VALUABLE, ALTHOUGH MAJOR POLICY DECISIONS INVOLVING THE E.C. AND U.S. "WILL NOW BE TAKEN AT THE NINE LEVEL." WURTH ADDED THAT THE U.S. MUST NOW ADJUST TO DEALING WITH "NINE DEMOCRATIC FRIENDS." HE SAID THAT THIS NEW CONTEXT FOR AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS MIGHT TAKE SOME TIME FOR THE U.S. TO GET USED TO, BUT HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT BROAD-RANGING CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE E.C. WAS THE ONLY REALISTIC WAY TO REDEFINE A NEW PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN TRADITIONAL ALLIES.

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